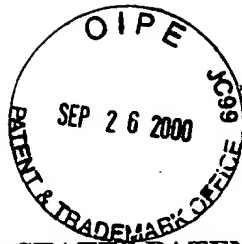


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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
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Sir:

In reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Filing Date Granted), dated July 26, 2000, Applicants submit herewith the following documents relating to the above-captioned patent application:

- (1) An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- (2) A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, Filing Date Granted;
- (3) 2 Executed Verified Statements (Declarations) Claiming Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) - Small Business Concern;
- (4) An executed Assignment w/ Recordation Cover Sheet; and
- (5) A check in the amount of \$540.00 (small entity fees applied) is enclosed to cover the present filing fee (\$345.00), the total claims over 20 fee (\$90.00); the Recordation fee (\$40.00) and the surcharge fee (\$65.00) .

If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Response or with any of the accompanying Papers, such as additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-4300. If an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is necessary that is not accounted for in the papers filed herewith, such an extension is requested. The additional extension fee also should be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-4300. Any overpayment can be credited to Deposit Account No. 02-4300.

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$180.
■ \$180 for 10 total claims over 20.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1000.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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